



Kenan Thompson brings "All That" tonight at 7:30, see page six for details



Students walk past the closed Annex B building along College Avenue.

Geography Department Forced to Migrate Again

By MILES DUMVILLE
Staff Writer

The winter storm that came through the region earlier this month did more than cause headaches for commuters and leave piles of snow around campus. The record-breaking snowfall did visible damage to buildings around the area, including on campus.

The Annex B building, which houses the geography department, has been closed for potentially the remainder of the spring 2010 semester, due to a roof collapse from the snow pressure.

The decision to close the building was made by the administration under the advice of the Office of Public Safety and Community Services and the Office of Emergency Man-

agement and Safety.

The roof collapse weakened the structure's support due to the buildup.

According to John Wiltenmuth, the university's associate vice president for facilities services, a roof truss failed under the pressure of the snow.

"The truss will need to be replaced from the inside with supplemental support and the roof will require realignment," Wiltenmuth said.

Wiltenmuth also said that classes that were previously held in the building will now meet in Combs Hall and the Annex A building.

"It's been annoying not being able to go [to the Annex] ANNEX, page 9 >

UMW Stands by Its Alcohol Policy

By SARAH SANDERS
Staff Writer

While Virginia Tech is cracking down on its alcohol policy, Mary Washington does not seem to be making any changes, at least for now.

Earlier this month, Virginia Tech updated its alcohol and drug policy in response to parental requests, mandating that parents should be contacted as early as the first violation of the policy, as reported by the *Washington Post* earlier this month.

In making the change, the university left behind its prior alcohol policy, one similar to the policy currently in place at UMW. This move raised some questions as to whether Virginia Tech's policy change will set a precedent for other area colleges and universities.

All public universities within the state of Virginia maintain some sort of parental notification policy in concern to alcohol violations, Ray Tuttle, UMW

director of judicial affairs, said.

"I will be interested to what impact it has," Tuttle said of the recent Virginia Tech decision.

Tuttle, who has been at UMW for almost 14 years, said that UMW instituted a parental notification policy in August 1999. The policy states that parents will be notified after the student receives his or her second or subsequent minor alcohol violation.

"We invoke the policy about 40 times during an academic year," Tuttle said.

While freshman Chelsea Dicus said she didn't have a big opinion of the alcohol policy at UMW, she said she preferred it over the new policy at Virginia Tech.

"We're supposed to be adults, but if it gets out of hand your parents should know," Dicus said.

Sophomore Erik Burnham agreed.

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SGA Elections Next Week

By WILL LYNCH
Staff Writer

The candidates for the upcoming Student Government Association elections were announced yesterday, earlier than usual as a way to allow new members a longer and smoother transition period into their positions.

The new cabinet members will begin the transition process in the beginning of March. The inaugurations will be the first weekend of April.

The incoming Executive Cabinet members will have two months before the end of school as well as the summer to prepare before their term starts.

"The extended transition time period will allow the SGA officials to get more accomplished so they won't have to play catch up," Abdelhalim said.

The elections, that will be run by the Election Rules and Procedure Committee, are for the nine Executive Cabinet positions of the UMW SGA. Voting will begin via e-mail ballots next Tuesday and the voting period will last through the following day.

"I am excited for the upcoming election cycle" current SGA Vice President Hassan Abdelhalim said. "We've done a

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Man Arrested in Student's Assault

By BRYNN BOYER
Staff Writer

A witness's description, along with Giant employees and video footage helped police arrest a man who grabbed a UMW student in the Giant parking lot last week.

Police arrested Christopher Ford, 64, of Fredericksburg on Tuesday, Feb. 15 and charged him with assault and battery, Natatia Bledsoe, public information officer of the Fredericksburg Police Department said.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9 around 12:30 p.m., a female student left the Giant grocery store on Route 1 in Fredericksburg. As she was leaving the store, Ford approached her and identified himself as being with Giant security.

He said he would escort the student to her car. The student told him that Giant did not have security and that she did not need an escort.

Then, Ford grabbed her arm in an aggressive way and tried to guide her from the store to the parking lot, according to a safety advisory sent by the UMW Police.

After the student yelled for him to leave her alone, Ford let go of her and returned to the front area of the store.

Ford had been under investigation in the incident since last week, Bledsoe said.

The police consulted with the Commonwealth's Attorney and the victim before obtaining a warrant for Ford's arrest yesterday.

After receiving the warrant, the detective assigned to the case contacted Ford to tell him that police had a warrant for his arrest, according to Bledsoe.

Ford turned himself in. After his arrest, other people came forward with similar stories of Ford.

"We did hear that Mr. Ford was known to approach women in parking lots," Bledsoe said. "But, we never got any [formal] complaints."

Witnesses said they had seen Ford come up to women before and offer to walk them to their cars, but that they had never seen him physically threaten anyone, Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe said Fredericksburg police frequently patrol the Eagle Village area and that uniformed officers in marked cars have been working off duty at the Eagle Village construction site.

"You'll see a lot of police in the area," she said.

Ford's arraignment was scheduled for this morning, according to the Fredericksburg General District Court records.



Courtesy of Natatia Bledsoe

Police arrested Christopher Ford on Feb. 15 for an assault at the Park n' Shop Giant on Feb. 9. Ford grabbed a female UMW student in the Giant parking lot

Women's Studies Major Becomes Official This Fall

By LINDLEY ESTES
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington has approved women's and gender studies as a major for declaration starting the Fall semester of this year.

This is the third attempt in 22 years to make women's and gender studies an official major, but the administration did not consider the major until now.

"Previous administrations were not interested," Dr. Allyson Poska, program director, said. "We asked for a women's center a few times. They said that in a predominately female college it was unnecessary because all spaces were women's spaces."

The current administration was very supportive, she said. Poska said that President Judy Hample and the Faculty Senate were encouraging.

"This round was not a battle at all," Poska said.

The major will focus on gender and the experiences of women, emphasizing the construction of femininity and masculinity, interactions of gender, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and race. It will be interdisciplinary and require 33 credits.

Professor Constance Smith of the English department will be teaching Introduction to Women's Studies.

"I think this class is very eye-opening," she said. "Younger people think things used to be bad but everything is ok now. Everything is not fine. There is still a persistent wage gap between women and men at every level of education."

Smith's class will cover a broad spectrum of topics pertaining to the treatment and experience of women including race, class and age.

Prospective women's studies majors will be expected to double major, due to the low amount of credits needed to

complete the major. Last year the faculty who started the major surveyed 300 students. The response was overwhelmingly favorable for the women's studies major. The majority of those intending to declare the major said they would double major. Many students cited psychology or sociology as their prospective other major.

In the past, women's studies has been available as a special major for the committee for the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences to approve. Every year, an average of three students graduated with a special degree in the major, according to Poska. Past majors have become teachers, poets, professors and non-profit workers.

Junior art history major Melody Ain hopes to declare women's studies as her second major in the Fall. However, her time at UMW is now limited and she is

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Most Popular Majors at UMW



- Social Sciences
- Business/ Marketing
- English
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Biology
- Liberal Arts
- Psychology
- Foreign Language and Literature
- History

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By **BRYNN BOYER**
Staff Writer

Feb. 9- A UMW student reported that her parking decal was missing. Police took a petit larceny report, issued a new decal and deactivated the old decal. If the decal is found on another vehicle, charges will be made.

Feb. 9- UMW police, UMW safety and the Fredericksburg Fire Department evacuated and closed the Indoor Tennis Center because of a natural gas leak. Columbia Gas responded and fixed the leak. The Indoor Tennis Center was aired out and operations resumed on Feb. 11 after the Feb. 10 snow day.

Feb. 9- UMW police and the Fredericksburg Fire Department responded to a call at the University Apartments. The residents of building nine reported smelling gas. After carefully checking the area, the fire department said there were no gas leaks.

Feb. 10- Fredericksburg Police contacted the UMW police about a 911 call. A student from Virginia Hall told the Fredericksburg Police that she had received a call threatening the well-being of her friend. In the midst of the conversation between the student, the Fredericksburg police and the UMW police, the student reported she had located her friend and that the situation was fine. UMW police took a police information report to document the call.

Feb. 10- The Fredericksburg Fire Department and UMW police responded to a fire alarm at Jefferson Hall. When the responders entered, they found that the culprit was overcooked food in a microwave on the fourth floor. The failed attempt at cooking did not damage any property and did not injure anyone.

Feb. 12- Parents of a student reported that they had no contact with their child for almost a week. Based on the parents' information, along with other collaborating information leading to the possibility that an individual was missing, UMW police place a nationwide missing person alert on file with all law enforcement agencies. Throughout the day, UMW police investigated leads on the case. Late in the day, police learned that the "missing" student was safe and was voluntarily staying with a friend's family. The student had opted not to contact her immediate family members. Police canceled the missing person alert.

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Feb. 12- A UMW vehicle and a student's vehicle were involved in a minor accident in the UMW Parking Deck. No one was in-

jured and property damage was minimal.

Feb. 12- Around 11:30 p.m., a UMW student parked on College Avenue and was walking back to Madison Hall. A car pulled up alongside her and offered her a ride, saying they were UMW police. The student declined the ride, moved away from the area and immediately called police to report the incident. The student said she hadn't noticed if the person in the car had on a uniform but she gave an accurate description of the vehicle. Police immediately confirmed that the car was the UMW police Intrepid, an unmarked police vehicle driven by one of our officers. The UMW police said the student's prompt action in making her report allowed for immediate resolution of the complaint. Too often, police and emergency responders are notified of incidents hours and sometimes days afterwards, making it difficult to successfully resolve the reports, UMW police said. Police said they commend the student for her timely reporting.

Feb. 15- A UMW student reported that his laptop was stolen from Simpson Library. The student said he had left for about five minutes to make phone calls and that when he returned, his computer was gone. Investigation continues.

This information was compiled with help from
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Candidates for SGA Executive Cabinet

• SGA President
Amanda Gold
Ashley Nixon
Charles Reed Jr.

• SGA Vice President
James Sennett

• JRB President
Brian DeMott

• JRB Vice President
Ashley DuVal

• ICA President
Sarah Lowdon

• Honor Council President
Maarij Baig
Matthew Baldwin
Sarah Spangler

• LAC Chair
Will Spaulding

• AAC Chair
Ryan Gallasch

• DUCC Chair
Lee Gilliam
Prarterana Gurung

Voting to be Held Earlier Than Usual

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lot of work to make sure the new officials have a smooth transition period. They will have two full months after being elected to work with the current officers to help them learn the responsibilities of their positions."

However not all students are excited for the election.

"I think [the elections] are set up unfairly," sophomore Nick Desarno said.

"The people who usually win just want to keep the status quo, the students of this university deserve to have fair minded representatives, and they need to take more accountability," Desarno said.

Sophomore Rachel Sowers, who came to UMW as a transfer from Lynchburg College, said, "Honestly I don't know anything about the SGA. I don't really know what they do. I think

they should do more to become visible to the students."

This election cycle also brings an updated version of the Election Rules and Procedure Committee handbook with new campaign regulations. The Student Senate recently passed the new rules and regulations for the upcoming elections.

After Spring break, the rest of the cabinet officials and positions for various committees will be filled, according to the SGA Constitution.

Information on the SGA candidates is available online at the SGA Facebook group, and will also be provided in the e-mail ballots that will be sent out to the student voters next week.

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—Rachel Sowers

National Survey Reshapes Campus Life for Students

By **KRISTEN KELLEHER**
Staff Writer

Every year, the University of Mary Washington distributes thousands of surveys to gauge their transition between freshman and senior year.

On Feb. 3, UMW e-mailed over 2,000 surveys to current freshman and seniors to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagements' annual survey.

The survey, distributed to over 600 colleges and universities in 2009 in the United States and Canada, aims to study how undergraduates spend their time academically and what they have or have not gained from their college experiences.

The survey bases its questions on five basic benchmarks that each focus on a different aspect of the student learning experience. The questions look at the student/faculty interaction, the

supportive campus environment, the level of academic challenge, the active and collaborative learning, and enriching educational experiences.

These topics explore issues such as whether the campus environment is conducive to learning, how often the student interacts with students of different races, religions and values in class, and how much time students spend preparing material outside of class.

The student feedback is collected and utilized by the national survey, but the survey data is also reviewed by UMW. UMW makes changes depending on where the surveys indicate that improvement is needed.

The addition of the freshman seminars, the incorporation of more student services in Lee Hall and an increasing effort for campus-wide diversity have all been implemented as a result of past survey feedback, according to Martin

Wilder, dean of enrollment and student services.

The school's new general education requirements and the addition of the experiential learning requirement have all been added after consideration of the feedback, John Morello, the associate provost, said.

The survey data is reviewed several times by the university dean and the department chairs, in addition to other faculty members and the academic and student affairs staff, often with surprising results.

"It initially surprised me that our students did not always find our administrative offices and personnel as helpful and supportive as we would expect," Wilder said. "We have worked very hard in recent years to try and improve this area."

The issue is one that President Ham-

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Corrections

In the Feb. 11 issue of the Bulletin, Coach Rod Wood's name was misspelled in the article "UMW Sports on Hold from Snow".

Viewpoints

Coverage of Olympic Luger's Death Shows Gap in Journalistic Ethics

Facts and fiction are on everyone's lips as the headlines multiply about the tragic death of 21-year-old Olympic luger Nodar Kumaritashvili from Georgia. This horrible tragedy is unique, however, in the fact that available to the public

there are not only photos, rumors and quotes from grieving loved ones, but an

actual video of the young athlete's death.

NBC Nightly News showed this video multiple times before they decided to take it off the air. The video has been pulled from all media outlets, including YouTube, but the damage it created is done.

Such an event brings to the forefront the question of journalistic ethics. Simply because the information, photo or video is obtained does not necessarily mean it should be publicized.

The public certainly has the right to know about the death of the athlete. There is no way to keep that information hidden with the millions of spectators. But a slow motion video of the young man's last moments is an unnecessary horror.

According to the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics, the media should "show compassion for those who may be affected adversely by news coverage." They should also "show good taste. Avoid pandering to lurid curiosity." NBC seems to have temporarily forgotten these guidelines.

Over the summer, a similar dilemma surrounded another 21-year-old, Lance Corporal Joshua Bernard, a marine fighting in

Afghanistan. An Associated Press photographer snapped a photo of the soldier as he was lying, fatally wounded, in the mud. He died soon after the photo was taken. Many newspapers worldwide published the photo on their front pages,

including Fredericksburg's local paper, the *Free Lance-Star*.

There was an uproar of

negative response to the

photo from the public, Bernard's family and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, who responded by saying, "Your lack of compassion and common sense in choosing to put this image of their maimed and stricken child on the front page of multiple American newspapers is appalling."

However, the fact that these publication decisions attracted negative criticism is not the issue at hand. The media is ever on display to play victim to all who want to respond to and criticize it.

The issue itself comes down to the presence of common sense, and to echo the Code of Ethics, "compassion."

The public has a right to pertinent and up-to-date news, and not all of it will be pretty. However, when breaking the story, there is always a line that should never be crossed, and in today's age of technology and coverage mania, it is easy to choose to display more footage than is appropriate.

Today's media is now in a position that it has never before had to fill—not how to get the footage or photo, but whether or not to use it.

Staff Editorial



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Letter to the Editor

Sexclimations is Right to Promote Female Masturbation, a Topic not Often Broached

Dear Editor,

Major kudos to the new Sexclimations writer. Her article on women and masturbation made my day. This is a subject that is not talked about nearly enough. I, too, have had the experience of feeling awkward or out-of-place when masturbation gets mentioned. A lot of the time, everyone lies and says they don't do it.

Masturbation, particularly if done by anyone of the female gender, seems to be one of those touchy subjects no one is comfortable talking about positively. This is because, if you talk about it, you must do it. And if you do it, you must be "gross" or some sort of sex fiend.

I also see a double standard in place when masturbation is usually discussed. The topic of men masturbating does not arouse (no pun intended) so much attention, because it is more accepted that men have sexual feelings.

While not everyone's sex drive is at the same level, women have sexual feelings, too. Why is it

that a man who expresses his sexuality is accepted as normal or even desirable, while a woman who expresses her sexuality is viewed as a "whore" or a "nymphomaniac"?

I think it's about time that we drop this notion that woman can't be sexual in a positive way. Allowing yourself to feel and experience your own sexuality can be empowering and liberating, not to mention awesome.

Having orgasms can relieve stress, lessen headaches and just make you feel warm and fuzzy inside. In addition, masturbating is also an effective sleep aid. Why should this be something that carries shame?

This is a personal issue that needs to be talked about more. I firmly believe that more people deserve to be able to make themselves feel amazing and not be ashamed of it. Thanks, Sexclimations!

Sara Monk is a sophomore.

Procrastination Not Always A Problem

I have a procrastination problem.

It's more serious than merely listing "procrastinating" under my interests on Facebook. It's not that I'm lazy—well, at least I don't think so. I've always been pretty bad about it, but senior year has magnified it to a ridiculous amount.

I used to think I had left Senioritis behind in high school, but apparently O'Connell High School decided to Fed-Ex it back to me in Fredericksburg.

Hulu, Netflix Watch Instantly and YouTube have been a great contributor, since I've been able to find episodes of *Daria* and *Freaks and Geeks*, as well as all my favorite teen movies of the '90s.

I'll try to start my assignments ahead of time by going somewhere inspirational, like a library or Hyperion, hoping that the aroma of roasted beans and caffeine will work like Adderall and I'll morph into a reading and writing machine.

This never works, and somehow I get distracted. I find a way to sidetrack from my paper, project or exam study session.

Simply getting a song stuck in my head will trigger my procrastination. I'll start with a paper

“There are some good things that can come out of being a procrastinator.”

SINGLE
WHITE
UNEMPLOYED
FEMALE



By Emilie Begin

for Sociolinguistics, and somehow, a strange train of thought begins. I start humming The Smith's "Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now" and end up on the Wikipedia page for Raffi's song "Banana-phone."

I feel like the black sheep in the family when it comes to this bad habit. My mom has never been the doing-things-at-the-last-minute type, my dad likes to take care of things as soon as they need to be done and my sister will start and finish things a week before they're due. I, on the other hand, can't complete something unless it's due the next day.

Though it sounds like a curse and a burden, there are some good things that can come out of being a procrastinator. I work much better under the pressure of a deadline, which some professions, like journalism, consider an asset. I always trust my instincts when I write because I don't have time to second-guess myself.

That all being said, procrastination has a lot more cons than pros. As a result, I've made a New Year's Resolution to not do things at the last minute. I want to know what it's like to have free time before the big assignment's due, because I did it ahead of time. I'm going to try to waste my time on YouTube and Netflix after I've (gasp!) finished my paper.

By the next Bulletin issue, I'll have a new article due for this column, and I'm going to try to start it this weekend. I'll probably start on it when I'm on the train to D.C. for my internship. Actually, maybe I'll start this weekend and go to Hyperion. Wait a sec, it's my birthday, crap. You know, I have a few hours before deadline, so I'll crank it out then.

In Ignoring Female Viewers, Pornography Industry is Mistaken

"Oh! Oh! Ohh!" Take that sound bite and repeat it for at least thirty minutes. Throw in a female or two with extremely long French nails or some other variety of unrealistic, fake nails. Don't forget to make the first scene a blowjob and the last one a "moneyspot" to the face. The result is usually a stereotypical pornographic movie.

From real life experience, I can tell you that sex will not make you moan and cry "Oh!" for the entire duration of the act, especially if it lasts for longer than a half hour. Don't get me wrong—sex feels amazing. But chances are, waking up the neighbors with your cries of bliss will not be a top priority during sex. You can enjoy sex without sounding like a porn star trying to appeal to the camera and all of the horny men that will be watching the video.

Yes, horny men tend to be the primary viewers of porn. Most porn is directed and made especially for men. Therefore, most porn contains an unrealistic amount of male domination, as illustrated by scenes of women being forced to "deep throat" and appear delighted and joyous when a male ejaculates on their faces. This is unfortunate, because women and curious adolescents tend to also watch porn, albeit irregularly. It is a shame there are not many explicitly sexual media outlets for women.

Similarly, it's unfortunate that better sex education for adolescents is not easily accessible. Pre-teens should not need to turn to porn websites for information on sex. While it is true that males are more turned on by visual aids than women, I think I speak on the behalf of most women in saying that

we appreciate some sort of visual aid, too.

For some women, a magazine cutout of a celebrity with their clothes on is appealing enough. For others, television shows or movies that borderline soft-core porn are enthralling. For those of you who don't find those media outlets as exciting but also don't yearn for the stereotypical porn presented at the beginning of this article, I recommend searching for amateur porn. It usually contains more foreplay, passionate kissing and caressing.

Considering that young, genuinely passionate couples create the majority of amateur porn videos, they are more relatable to an experience you have had or are more likely to achieve. Moreover, amateur porn is usually less stereotypical and degrading to both genders. In most amateur porn, neither the male nor the female is perceived as being overly dominant.

Please note that I am not endorsing porn, nor am I condemning it. Always do what you are comfortable with and what is aligned with your beliefs and moral values. If the stereotypical porn described in the beginning of this article floats your boat, then go for it. Just remember: your next real sexual experience may not mirror the superficial nature of most pornography.

And don't forget—Feb. 14 through 21 is National Condom Week! Prevent the spread of STDs and avoid unintended pregnancies by always wearing a condom.

Sexclimations
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Viewpoints

According to Amanda...

Build-A-Bear Workshop: A Behind-the-Scenes Look With Amanda, a Former Employee and Mascot

BY AMANDA BOCCUTI
Columnist

My first real job was at a business that claims to be the place where "best friends are made": Build-a-Bear Workshop. For those of you unfamiliar with it, the concept behind Build-A-Bear Workshop is that customers come into the store to create a personalized stuffed animal from start to finish. This process includes choosing the animal, stuffing it, inserting a "heart," clothing it, naming it and, of course, taking it home.

My dad is the one who suggested that I apply there. It made sense—I needed a job and I loved kids. Considering that young kids are the major demographic Build-a-Bear reaches out to, I figured it would be the perfect—or should I say perfect—job for me. And at first, it was. The company did, however, have some definite quirks.

It all started with my interview. In a stock room filled with plastic bags bulging with unstuffed animal "skins," I was asked questions like, "if you could be any animal, which would it be and why?" and "why are stuffed animals an integral factor in world peace?" Nonetheless, I was thrilled when they offered me a job.

I spent a week training to become a Bear Builder. A series of music videos starring dancing animals introduced me to the process. From there, I was given hands-on experience with each part of the building process. Stuffing was my favorite part. Properly stuffing a bear required ramming a metal pipe that spews cotton stuffing at high pressure into each limb of the animal "skin." Sure, it was a little disturbing, but using the stuffer took a certain skill.

Build-a-Bear was all about the experience. And the experience didn't just include the building process, but employee demeanor as well. I learned to integrate words like "pawsome," and "beariffic" into my vocabulary. They also emphasized customer relations. I'm proud to say that, when a grown woman bought \$60 worth of rhinestone t-shirts and ruffled miniskirts and told me it was all for her real cat, I barely even smirked.

The high point of my career at Build-a-Bear, though, was the day I got to be Paulette, the mascot. Volunteering to be the mascot was a no brainer. It meant wearing an icepack vest and getting a 40-minute break for every 20 minutes I was out on the floor. Plus, I'm a bit of a ham at heart. The obscurity afforded by a large bunny costume allowed me to shamelessly strut through the mall.

Unfortunately, my height became problematic. As it turns out, mascot costumes are made to fit people who are at least 5'4". Five inches below that requirement, I couldn't keep Paulette's be-dazzled jean skirt from drooping. More embarrassing, though, was when Paulette's massive pair of bear-print panties fell to my ankles while I was doing the Macarena.

Why was a mascot wearing underwear? Build-a-Bear likes to reflect good family values, so it is a requirement that all stuffed animals, mascot included, showcased on the floor are displayed with panties under their clothing. If you don't believe me, go peek under the skirts of a few bears the next time you pass a Build-a-Bear. I guarantee you'll find that they're sporting some "furbulous" mini-boxers and panties.



Communication Crucial for Fair Fights

Arguments. Fights. Tiffs. Disagreements. Whatever you want to call them, however severe they are, every couple, family and group of friends has them. Here's a basic how-to on surviving them and keeping your relationships intact.

BAM: If there is one thing I've learned, it's this: do no interrupt. Never, ever, ever. Everybody wants to be heard, and even if you hear something you don't agree with, let them speak and then give your rebuttal. It might sting to have to sit through it and hear them say something you don't agree with at all, but if you expect them to sit there and listen to you, you need to be prepared and sit there and listen to them. Interrupting is a rookie mistake that only exacerbates the issue, and it gives them one more thing to yell at you about.

KED: Totally. It's really hard for me to get interrupted, since my attention span is so short to begin with. I easily forget what I was going to say, and then nothing really gets solved. If you find yourself with this problem, a good solution is actually writing out your argument first. This gives you a way to calmly prepare yourself and your words, so you don't end up saying harmful things that you didn't really mean. It also helps you make sure that you get out everything that you wanted to cover in the first place.

BAM: If you sense something is afoot, let them come to you. Don't push the issue. When they're good and ready, they will tell you, especially if their issue is directly related to you. If you dig and dig, you're bound to annoy them even more, and then you've added more fuel to the fire.

KED: If you do get pushed emotionally, don't let it get to you. Try to hold on to a gentle calm. Don't let that fire burn you up inside. Practice breathing exercises—deep, paced breaths usually help me. That whole "count to 10 before you say anything" idea really does work. It's hard for me to count in my head without getting more distracted and upset, so I breathe for 10 seconds instead. The extra time allows me to quiet the anger enough, so that I can speak more softly about what is bothering me.

BAM: Know when to quit. This is pretty much a guy-centered tip, but it works with parents, too. I'm not saying you should just roll over and surrender, but there are some fights, no matter how

ridiculous they are, that you just will not win over your ladies or your mom and dad. And when you are wrong, admit it.

KED: Don't be afraid to take responsibility when you know you're wrong. That's the mature thing to do. Be the bigger person and allow the blame to rest with you when that's where it belongs. Forcing the blame onto the other person just causes more issues down the line, and isn't fair to them. If it truly is the other person's fault,

victim, even after things cool down. Don't plant that seed of insecurity in them.

KED: I totally agree here. Words are often hurtfully remembered, and even though you might not have meant what you said to such a severe degree, it doesn't mean that they aren't going to be exceptionally hurt by it.

If you are hit with some ill-mannered words, however, try to stay calm and realize that they probably didn't mean what they said, and if they apologize, try to forgive them. Some people just aren't calm when it comes to arguments. They might never be, and you have to be ready for that when it comes.

BAM: Respect their stance. You might disagree with them or even think their point of view is full of it, but you have to respect the fact that they feel a certain way. You might not even see or understand why they feel the way they do, but you need to be aware of their feelings, whether it makes sense to you or not. Try to empathize. Don't shoot them down. Respectfully acknowledge how they feel and make your own case.

KED: Sometimes you just have to agree to disagree. This concept is a lot harder to implement than it sounds. Realize that some issues just won't ever get resolved. That's perfectly okay. Maybe he's a Democrat and you're a Republican; that sort of thing. Not every pair is going to agree on everything. Talk calmly, and remember that having differing opinions doesn't have to end a relationship.

Having different stances can make it considerably more difficult for the both of you, and continually attempting to somehow sway strongly held opinions is an impossible waste of time. Respecting the fact that you both feel differently and working through it to a suitable middle ground or compromise really speaks volumes, and will make your relationship that much stronger.

With Spring Break on the horizon, you're likely to butt heads with your parents when you get home. You can use these tips at any time with anyone, from girlfriends and boyfriends all the way to your professors. An argument doesn't have to result in the total breakdown of a relationship or friendship, whether it's a personal or professional one. Conflicting views are inevitable, but there are right and wrong ways to handle it. Breathe, stay calm, and be mature.

Boy Meets Girl



By Bryant Matera and Kat Dickinson

though, don't drag the blame out too much on them. Just because they might have done something truly hurtful or wrong, you don't make it better by constantly blaming them and never giving them relief.

BAM: Stay calm. If you can approach the issue in a more subdued manner, your patience and theirs is much less likely to wear thin. This is often a fine line to walk, though. For some, patience might come across as indifference, so be careful just how cool you play it.

Oh, and do not crack jokes. It might work if you're seasoned at this, but please, attempting to lighten the mood with humor is a good way to get a door slammed in your face. Fights aren't laughing matters. It might be a different story a few months down the road, but don't try to get to that place in the middle of one. Try not to say something you don't mean. Comments fired in the heat of the moment have a way of sticking with the

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U.S. Should Relight the Pot Problem

BY MASON RAYNER
Guest Columnist

For years, the United States government has engaged in a self-described "War on Drugs," prohibiting both the consumption and distribution of various narcotics, including marijuana. Prohibition of pot has been the law of the land for decades now, so we can attempt to address the successes and failures of the policy with a high degree of confidence.

Surveying the results, it's difficult not to come to the conclusion that the effects of prohibition have been an overall disaster. The costs have not come close to outweighing the benefits. New policies are desperately needed.

First, consider the financial costs that the government at the local, state and federal levels bears. Prosecuting and incarcerating non-violent pot offenders is a significant burden on prisons, courts and law enforcement agencies. For instance, in Virginia it costs roughly \$25,000 a year to hold a prisoner, according to data from the Virginia Department of Corrections. Similarly, police forces and court systems divert significant portions of their limited budgets to arresting and prosecuting buyers and sellers of pot, drawing down money that could be better used to address crimes like murder, rape, assault and burglaries.

Jeffrey Miron, an economist at Harvard, has estimated that legalization would save governments \$12.9 billion a year, while taxation of pot

at similar levels to the current taxes on alcohol and cigarettes would raise \$6.7 billion annually. At a purely monetary level, a policy that is costing us \$19.6 billion a year doesn't make sense.

But the costs go far beyond dollars and cents. There are serious human costs as well. In Mexico, there has been widespread violence as drug cartels battle each other for market share. The collateral damage has included many innocent people.

The reason these cartels engage in such bloody turf wars is because trafficking pot across the American border is a very lucrative trade. Artificially high prices resulting from prohibition create huge profit margins for dealers, attracting organized crime and other opportunistic criminals.

American demand for pot remains strong, regardless of high prices, so U.S. marijuana policies have inadvertently strengthened the various drug traffickers throughout Latin America. High prices ensure a strong stream of revenue for them, and also create incentives to knock off their competitors, leading to instability across the region. It is for these reasons that former presidents of Mexico, Brazil and Colombia have all come out in favor of decriminalization (prosecuting sellers of drugs, but not users.)

But decriminalization is a halfway measure. We must remember that it is morally wrong and inconsistent with the limited government principles of the U.S. Constitution to imprison people for engaging in an activity that doesn't harm oth-

ers.

It could be argued that drug use imposes a negative externality on third parties (meaning that there are costs to the economic transaction not borne by either the buyer or seller, but rather society at large), but the solution to this problem is to simply tax the good in question, not criminalize it.

Arguments can be made against legalizing harder drugs (although Portugal has decriminalized all drugs quite successfully), but safety arguments for marijuana fail to impress. It is scientifically impossible to overdose on pot. Indeed, it could be argued that pot is much less hazardous to one's health and bears less cost on society than alcohol and cigarette consumption.

Fourteen states have already legalized marijuana for medical purposes. The American Medical Association has endorsed research into the potential benefits of medical usage. Many people with chronic illnesses, such as cancer and Lou Gehrig's disease, can ease their pain greatly through therapeutic use of pot. Is it right that in 36 states, people suffering from such diseases will be thrown in jail if they seek out the drug to alleviate their suffering?

Prohibition of marijuana has failed, just as prohibition of alcohol did. It is time to stop enriching criminals, throwing thousands of peaceful people in jail every year and wasting billions of dollars on enforcement of pot laws. Full legalization is the answer.

Entertainment

Top Five Little Known Holidays

By LONDON JAMES
Staff Writer

In the wake of Valentine's Day, there are only a couple big holidays coming up that you may not have known about had it not been for dedicated Bulletin researchers.

Of course, there is St. Patrick's Day and Easter, but perhaps a few lesser known celebrations slipped past you. Spring is full of national observances, so in order to keep you all well informed of the festivities, here are the top five holidays coming up you did not know existed.

1. National Chicken Lady Day (Feb 28)

National Chicken Lady day comes around every year on Feb. 28, but never gets the attention it deserves. Perhaps it's because we don't give our local chicken ladies the credit they deserve. So, next time you're going through a lunch line and

chicken is plopped on your plate, thank the chicken lady for all her help. After all, it is National Chicken Lady Day it's the least you can do.

2. National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day (March 7)

In case you recently had a craving for some chocolate and almonds, March is the month for you! Thankfully, every March 7th is National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day, so go out and grab an Almond Joy from the gas station and join in a national appreciation of chocolate and almonds. If we can't come together as a country on certain issues, hopefully we can agree on chocolate and almonds for one day out of the year.

3. Married to a Scorpio Support Day (March 18)

If you've been one of those poor souls who has been married to a Scorpio, the rest of the world is finally here to feel your pain. On March 18, contact friends or family you know who are in a relationship with a Scorpio and check up on them. See how they're feeling, ask if there's anything you can do for them, and just let them know you're there for emotional support. We all got problems, but a Scorpio ain't one.

4. Sink Day (April 5)

Sink Day comes just after Easter, when the leftovers have really build up. Most people usually forget to celebrate, however, this year you'll be informed. Sink Day is when you eat all of your Easter leftovers over the sink. Makes sense right? Not only does it feel good to eat in a sink and not use plates, clean up is twice as fast! Plus, roast lamb always look better with a side of trash disposal. This year keep the Easter spirit alive for one more day and make this year's Sink Day the best one ever!

5. World Toilet Day (April 19)

It's about time we showed some appreciation for one of the hardest working family members who always takes crap from everyone. On this day, take a moment to ponder how much you appreciate your toilet. Maybe ask one how its day went, or even offer to take it out for a night on the town. I've been told they even like a good scrub down every once in awhile. So take time and remind your favorite porcelain how much you appreciate its hard work.

Now that you're informed, go and make this your best spring yet, keeping in mind that there's a reason to celebrate almost everyday.



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'Transference' by Spoon: A Gem

By RYAN MARR
Associate Editor

Just a few months ago, Metacritic.com, the granddaddy of all criticism sites that traffic in decimal-point rankings, compiled a list of the best artists of the decade by taking every reputable music review published during the past decade into account. It should come as no surprise to anyone that keeps even the tiniest earbud to the independent music scene that

Austin-based four-piece Spoon came out on top. Most bands struggle their whole career to put out a great album; in the past decade, Spoon put out four.

Their last release, 2007's "Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga," even toyed with radio-friendliness, featuring the band's trademark drum grooves, singer Britt Daniel's relateable kicked-in-the-gutter voice and the infectiously brassy bombast of singles "You Got Yr. Cherry Bomb" and "The Underdog."

But it's clear on "Transference," the band's seventh full-length and first self-produced record, that Spoon has ditched their designs on Billboard chart-approved mass appeal.

Rhythms skitter rather than groove, songs cut out without warning, and devilish-sounding, pitch-shifted voices mumble over extended guitar and piano jams. At first listen, the whole

mess plays like a collection of experimental demos by a band more concerned with studio effects than actual songs. With the exception of maybe "Who Makes Your Money?" there isn't even a real standout single on "Transference."

For the first time in their career, Spoon has released an album that requires more than a few listens to sink in. Once it does sink in though, "Transference" might be their most rewarding record to date.

From silencing Daniel's singing mid-shout on "Is Love Forever?" to playing a piano line backwards intermittently on "Nobody Gets Me But You," the mind-bending studio tricks on "Transference" begin to feel surprisingly cohesive and purposeful.

Similarly, Daniel's lyrical themes downshift from the triumphant disdain of their past albums to a bitter anger that better suits the band's raw, stripped-down riffs.

If "Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga" represented a band at the peak of their sound—brash, confident indie rock with balls—than "Transference" represents the inevitably self-aware, neurotic backlash.

Regardless of their past success, Spoon is clearly aware that it's a new decade. And if "Transference" is any indication, the band is more interested in creating new expectations rather than fulfilling old ones.

Tyler's Sweet Emotions

By LONDON JAMES
Staff Writer

Not so sweet emotions are flaring up within Aerosmith as one its members threatens to walk away from the band if certain requests are not met.

Steve Tyler, Aerosmith's lead singer and frontman, is threatening legal action against his band mates should they choose or attempt to replace his position within the band.

Tyler, who has a well-documented history with alcohol and drug addictions, recently checked himself into a rehab facility in California in December of 2009, to treat his addiction to prescription painkillers.

Aerosmith recently ended a tumultuous and ultimately unsuccessful summer tour that ended abruptly after Tyler fell off stage during a South Dakota show in early August, 2009. The fall occurred while Tyler was attempting to entertain fans with some flashy dancing after the sound system gave out during a performance of "Love in an Elevator."

According to *Rolling Stone*, only minor injuries were sustained, but the fall eventually elicited Tyler checking himself into Dr. Drew Pinsky's famous Pasadena Recovery Center.

"He doesn't act like a sober person. And like many other people in this same position, the prospects aren't good. For most people, full blown recovery is a tough thing to pull off," Aerosmith guitarist Brad Whitford told *Rolling Stone*.

Immediately after Tyler checked himself into rehab, rumors began to surface that the remaining band members would be searching for a suitable replacement while Tyler sorted things out. Tyler made a point to deny any rumors at the time and vowed to remain in the band and in the studio recording. However, recent communications between

Tyler's attorney, Skip Miller, and Aerosmith's manager, Howard Kaufman suggest otherwise.

In a recent letter from Miller to Kaufman, Miller explained it would not be wise for the band to kick Tyler to the curb so quickly especially after so many years of service.

"Steven is Aerosmith, along with the others. He's the guy the public knows. He's the singer," Miller wrote in his letter.

Miller went on to explain that Tyler has no desire to continue in the direction of a lawsuit if it can be avoided. Miller said that Tyler has every intention and desire to continue touring and releasing new material at the helm of Aerosmith.

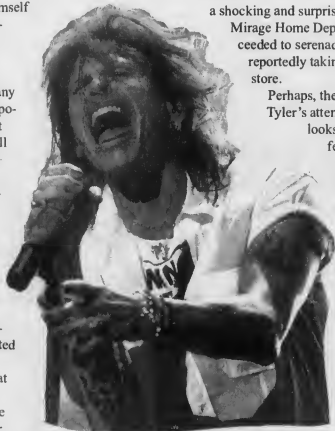
However, rumors still abound that the band has approached the likes of Billy Idol, Lenny Kravitz and Paul Rodgers to fill in for Tyler while he fights his addiction, works on his solo project, "Brand Tyler," and writes a memoir.

Recent sightings of Tyler include a bizarre and impromptu appearance at Tilted Kilt Pub in Palm Spring, California where Tyler willingly participated in karaoke versions of his own Aerosmith songs. Tyler also made a shocking and surprising appearance at a Rancho Mirage Home Depot in California where he proceeded to serenade unsuspecting shoppers after reportedly taking hits off a helium tank in the store.

Perhaps, these are merely side effects of Tyler's attempt at sobriety; however, it looks like it will take more than a few public karaoke appearances to resolve the troubles that Tyler and his fellow band mates face in the upcoming months.

Miller requested a Feb. 9 meeting with all five members of Aerosmith to discuss the supposed new singer search and the future of the band in general.

For now, Tyler remains at the front of yet another controversial and bitter argument that has come to define the band's long history.



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'Almost, Maine' a Pleasure to Watch

By REBECCA POOLE
Staff Writer

Audiences received a "very warm Maine welcome" from Studio 115's production of "Almost, Maine" on Valentine's weekend. "Almost, Maine" portrays the cringe-worthy and awkward moments in romantic relationships.



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Juniors Taylor Williams and Magan Carrigan rehearsing for 'Almost, Maine'

Studio 115 was a perfect and intimate setting with string lights for the play. Sophomore cast member Kalya Jowyk provided the plot line in a nutshell. "It is nine scenes of people dealing with love simultaneously on a Friday night," Jowyk said. Each of the nine scenes comes to life from the very first "I love you."

These mini-stories are similar to movies like

"Paris, je t'aime," "New York, I Love You," and "Valentine's Day" because they show the dynamics of many different relationships. However, "Almost, Maine" has only four actors playing these couples, and they flawlessly shift from one character to the next.

Jowyk plays a variety of female characters, from a wife who wants to rejuvenate her marriage to a tomboy who is hesitant about taking her friendship to the next level. Jowyk found the character of Rhonda, the tomboy, the hardest to play due to the character's similarities to her personality.

Jowyk's fellow cast member, junior Magan Carrigan, effectively portrays strong-willed women who are trying to find love. Juniors Cameron Doucette and Taylor Williams play all of the adorable, clueless men in this play. They both bring their various characters to life, so much so that some enjoyed the performances, while others—especially females—cringed. The acting made the outrageous stories in "Almost Maine" believable.

"Almost Maine" is senior Maggie Bausch's directorial debut for the University of Mary Washington's theatre department. She did, however, direct a modern rendition of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" at UMW's amphitheater. Bausch has also acted in several plays at UMW. Bausch first thought the script was "too sweet," but she realized the play's "magical ability when performed to be real."

A fellow play enthusiast, Colin Manning, said, "I liked it. The acting was very well done," Manning said. "Considering how many characters each person had to play makes it more impressive. There were small things, on the technical side, that were used that were very effective too, such as the star lights hung above the audience and the lighting of the northern lights."

With a cozy setting that allowed the audience to feel like a part of the play, swift scene changes, the great acting and directing and subtle light changes, "Almost, Maine" is a hit and a pleasure to watch.



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Kenan At Dodd Tonight Only

By ERIN DWYER
Staff Writer

From portraying the lactose-intolerant Superdude on Nickelodeon, to parodying country star Reba McEntire with Andy Samberg on "Saturday Night Live," Kenan Thompson's sense of humor has certainly evolved in the past two decades.

Thompson is a Georgia native, born May 10, 1978 in Atlanta. In his youth, he was a movie critic for a kid's news show, "Movies for Kids," where he reviewed the 1992 film "The Mighty Ducks." Eventually, he won the part of Russ Tyler in the 1994 sequel, "D2: The Mighty Ducks" and would reprise his role in a third film, "D3: The Mighty Ducks" as well.

During this time, he also began his career in television, appearing in episodes of "Sister, Sister," "Oddville, MTV," and "The Steve Harvey Show," until he landed a spot on the cast of the especially popular Nickelodeon kids show "All That" in 1994.

In 1996, he starred in the equally admired "Kenan and Kel," another Nickelodeon show with his "All That" and "Good Burger" co-star Kel Mitchell, playing a crucial force in two of Nickelodeon's most successful shows.

Beyond his television career, he continued to display his comedic talents in films, such as "Good Burger" in 1997, "Rocky and Bullwinkle" in 2000, "Love Don't Cost a Thing" in 2003, "Barbershop 2" in 2004, with a leading role in "Fat Albert" in 2004 and "Snakes on a Plane" in 2006.

Along with his accomplishments on the small and silver screen, he has lent his vocal talents to the LeBron and Kobe Nike commercials, as well as the Fox cartoon series, "Sit Down, Shut Up."

Currently, Thompson is a repertory player on "Saturday Night Live," appearing on the show since 2003. Thompson is the only current black member of "Saturday Night Live" and the first member who was born after the series began.

He has performed as memorable characters, such as Deandre Cole, a talk-show host whose BET show is a musical number, Lorenzo McIntosh, a convict who uses movie plots to scare wrong-doers, and Oscar Rogers, a financier who yells "fix it!" in response to economic troubles.

Thompson has also impersonated several celebrities, such as Al Sharpton, Bill Cosby, Jennifer Hudson, O.J. Simpson, Tiger Woods, Colin Powell and Whoopi Goldberg.



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**Thursday,
February 18**

•Kenan Thompson, who anyone with a childhood should remember from "Kenan & Kel," "Good Burger," and "D2: The Mighty Ducks," is going to be performing in Dodd Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets will cost \$5 at the door or \$3 if you buy in advance.

•"Boondock Saints 2," a sequel that many original fans have split reactions about, is showing at Lee 411 at 7 p.m. for \$1.

•Liberty Lanes in Massaponax is having a Glow Bowling Party tonight at 9 p.m. If you need a ride, shuttles will be stopping by The Underground.

**Friday,
February 19**

•The Winter Carnival is here! Come to Lee Hall from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. for live musical performances, a laser tag shooting gallery, games of Family Feud, comedian Reese Waters, free food, and more!

•Cheap Seats will present "Boondock Saints 2" at 7 p.m. and "Pirate Radio," a film about the pirate radio movement in 1960s Britain starring Phillip Seymour Hoffman, at 10 p.m. for \$1 each.

•Adilah Barnes will be performing her one-woman play, "I Am That I Am: Woman, Black," in Dodd Auditorium at 7 p.m. Barnes will present the lives of seven famous women, including Harriet Tubman and Maya Angelou.

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**Saturday,
February 20**

•Do you like seeing dudes dressed as ladies? Of course you do. Come support the 10th Annual Drag Show in Great Hall at 8 p.m.

•Karaoke night at The Underground! If you like singing out of tune and making a fool of yourself in front of friends and strangers alike, then come to The Underground at 9 p.m.

•Cheap Seats will show "Pirate Radio," at 7 p.m. and "Boondock Saints 2" at 10 p.m. for \$1 each.

**Sunday,
February 21**

•After such an eventful weekend, you should probably use this Sunday to study up for your midterm exams. Thankfully, there aren't any major events happening today, so you've got plenty of time.

**Monday,
February 22**

•If you're looking to prove mental superiority over friends, roommates and strangers, The Underground is having a trivia night at 8 p.m. It's free and open to anyone with a desire to inflate their ego a bit.

**Tuesday,
February 23**

•IHOP is giving away free short stacks of pancakes to everyone to encourage completely optional donations to Children's Miracle Network. You can't be in college without being unable to resist the temptation of free food, so go with some friends and claim your rightful stack of fluffy, syrup-covered bliss, and at least consider donating a little bit.

•The Underground is hosting an open mic night at 8 p.m., so if you'd like to perform some beat poetry, stand-up comedy, a song, or whatever, now is the time. Otherwise, just come out and watch other people perform their material.

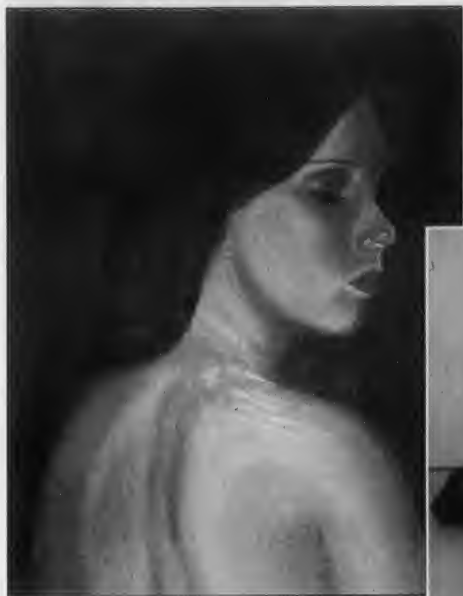
**Wednesday,
February 24**

•Feeling lucky? Then bingo night at The Underground is the place to be. Everyone who thinks they've got all the skill and talent to crush the opposition and win some prizes should plan on being there by 8 p.m.

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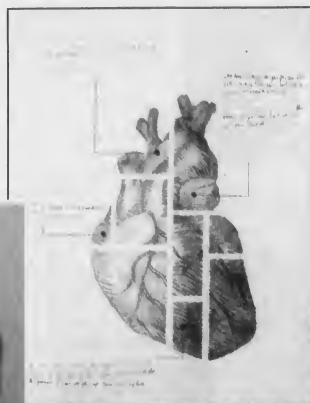
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Student Art on Display at duPont Senior Exhibitions



"I seek to celebrate the rhythms and forms that exist in life, and to learn from them as I do."

-Sarah Lapp



"I am interested in creating art about the body, but not as it is normally perceived"

-Samantha Rizzi



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(Left to right) "Self Portrait" by Danielle Ballinger, "Synthesis" by Rachel Blier, "Heart" by Samantha Rizzi, "Scraffito Graffiti" by Sarah Lapp.

Spending a Vacation in Service

By BRIDGET BALCH
Staff Writer

Every year about fourteen students and one faculty member leave the weekend of spring break to embark on a journey of service for spring break.

They take a van down south to work with Habitat for Humanity for

the week. In previous years they have gone to South Carolina, Alabama and Florida, and this year they will be heading to Atlanta, Georgia.

For the rest of the week they participate in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge, which involves all sorts of construction and manual labor. They help build houses by put-

ting up walls, putting in insulation, painting and whatever other work is required.

"My favorite part is at the end of everyday when you get to see what you've done," senior Brad Efford said.

Efford, one of the officers of COAR, the organization that runs Al-

ternative Spring Break, is one of the team leaders. He has also attended the trips for the past two years and is going again this year.

"It feels great to be completely exhausted after having accomplished so much," he said.

In addition to construction work, the team members help by serving the

community in other ways such as serving at soup kitchens, helping with flood relief and babysitting children.

Habitat for Humanity reaches out to the poor and less fortunate by providing them with one of the most basic human needs, a home. The fam-

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DINING ON A DIME

Macaroni and Cheese with Broccolini

By Kaitlin Mayhew

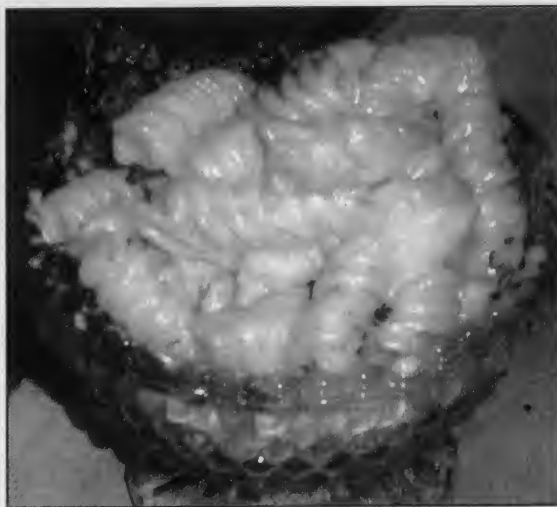
This is the best macaroni and cheese recipe there is. Kraft doesn't stand a chance against this one. It's cheesy, rich and surprisingly easy to make. If you don't like broccolini, which is like a more delicate broccoli, you can substitute almost any vegetable you like, or even ground beef.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups pasta (I like rotini but you can use any type)
- Cheddar cheese 2 cups
- 2 tbs butter
- 2 tbs flour
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 2 bunches of broccolini

Directions:

1. Bring a pot of water to a boil and add a few pinches of salt.
2. Add the pasta and cook until tender. Then strain and put aside.
3. Melt the butter in a small pot on low heat
4. When it is completely melted, add the flour and whisk with a fork until no lumps remain
5. Cook about 2 minutes
6. Add the milk and stir, then bring back to a boil
7. Once the liquid is boiling, add the cheese and stir until it's melted, then turn off the heat.
8. Saute broccolini in a pan with a little olive oil for about 10 minutes or until bright green
9. Mix the pasta, cheese sauce, and broccolini together.
10. Spoon into bowls and serve hot.



Kaitlin Mayhew/Bullet

Features

Students Serve in Atlanta

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ity for whom each house is being built works along side with the volunteers, which allows the team members to see firsthand the difference they are making in the lives of these people.

"They're really grateful," Efford said. "One lady even cried."

The interaction with the people they are serving enhances the experience of the student volunteers, as they are able to connect with their work on a more personal level.

Even after they return to school, the students keep in contact with the people that they served through e-mail and are continually updated on the progress they helped bring about.

These students not only forgo their spring breaks to help the less fortunate, but they also pay to do so. Each student must pay a fee to Habitat for Humanity, which covers room and board, etc.

In addition, the vans that are used to transport the students cost \$1,000 each way, and that doesn't include local transportation. Since COAR is an organization that is not directly associated with UMW, they receive no money from the university.

This leaves the students to raise the money themselves. This is done mostly through grassroots efforts. COAR sponsored the Poker Tournament last week and proceeds are going to help pay for this year's trip.

Also, this year a "spare change" fundraiser was conducted at Bingo where people could get extra Bingo cards if they donated some change.



Courtesy of Kari Evans

UMW students Kelsey Windas, Bradley Efford, and Lindsay Maria Unterbrink help to raise a wall while on a previous alternative spring break trip.

The bulk of the fundraising, however, is done by the students individually by

having bake sales and by sending out support letters to their family and

friends which explain what they are doing and request financial support.

Debate Coach Airs on Radio

By ASHLEY JACOBY
Staff Writer

Timothy M. O'Donnell, UMW associate professor of Communications, appeared on the radio show, "With Good Reason", the only public radio program in Virginia.

He discussed the efforts to recover debate programs at historically black colleges and universities.

O'Donnell is also the director of debate at UMW as well as a respected leader in campaigning to assist historically black colleges and universities in establishing and strengthening their debate programs throughout the country.

O'Donnell's interest in this topic was sparked by working with the James Farmer Scholars program and learning about Farmer's debate background.

This program was created to work with area students in honor of James Farmer, a Spotsylvania County resident, celebrated civil rights leader and beloved faculty member at UMW.

The objective of the James Farmer Scholars program is to improve the number of African-American youths who are academically prepared to attend and be successful in the college setting.

On "With Good Reason" he speaks about Farmer's accomplishments during the Civil Rights Movement. "The most important thing, Farmer's greatest contribution and the reason why some have called him the architect of the Civil Rights Movement is that he was the one to bring the Gandhian principles of direct, nonviolent action to others," O'Donnell said.

"One of the often forgotten chapters of the 1960s in the movement were the great debates of James Farmer and Malcolm X," O'Donnell said. Farmer was classically trained to use the different tools that one could effectively use during a debate to have the most successful argument.

One of O'Donnell's missions is to increase the amount of diversity seen at college debate competitions. In 2009, O'Donnell and the UMW debate program worked with Norfolk State, Hampton University and other historically black colleges and universities to arrange and host a week debate workshop with the hope to restore intercollegiate debate. He also organized the Inaugural Debate Series, which invited HBCUs and other colleges (including UMW) to Washington D.C. to debate Obama's administration priorities.

The process, however, will take time. When asked if he had seen an increased amount of interest since hosting the 2009 workshop he replied, "Not as much as I would have hoped — growing debate takes high level commitment. In the case of Fayetteville State, where the chancellor said we are going to build a strong debate program, it happened, almost overnight. In places where high level administrative support, programs struggle".

Media Feeds 'Purity Myth'

By MELISSA MULLINAX
Staff Writer

In her latest publication, "The Purity Myth: How America's Obsession with Virginity Is Hurting Young Women," author Jessica Valenti attacks the concept of virginity and its perpetuation in America.

Covering a wide array of fields, Valenti devotes chapters to how politics, public school systems and pornography feed the "purity myth" and strengthen its influence.

In particular, Valenti specifically rails against abstinence only sex education as promoted by Republican presidential administrations.

She also addresses how race and class negatively affect young women within the "purity myth".

Through a combination of surprising statistics and shocking anecdotes, Valenti builds a well-researched and unapologetically feminist argument against the idolization of young women's virginity.

She argues that valuing women solely for their sexual actions, or lack thereof, is shallow, oppressive and detrimental to both women and men.

Valenti's work reads like a cross between a scholarly journal article and shameless feminist propaganda.

Each of the chapters contain footnotes, which direct the reader toward a bibliography in the back of the book.

With a hefty amount of documentation, Valenti displays how well versed and knowledgeable she is on the subject of women's rights and related matters.

At times, she cites her own blog,

www.feministing.com, as a source of information.

In addition to the traditional numbered footnotes, which resemble any other type of thesis that demands research, Valenti also includes other types of footnotes, which are indicated by various symbols such as asterisks and crosses.

These footnotes serve a different purpose.

Instead of citing a source for the statement made in her text, the footnotes include personal stories or commentary.

While the comments and stories bring another layer of humor to the book as a whole, they simultaneously have the potential to undercut Valenti's voice as an authoritative and serious writer.

Discussing a law proposed by a Virginia lawmaker which denies unmarried women access to reproductive technology, she adds in an asterisk footnote, "This is what I like to call the 'no dick, no deal' law."

While certain readers, possibly even most people reading this book, may laugh along with Valenti's crude and catchy comment, it still leaves them wondering how seriously she expects the audience to take her arguments.

All things considered, her shifting tone works for the general mood of the book.

Part of Valenti's appeal is her ability to take a controversial problem, such a virginity, write her ideas into a book and maintain a political, ideological, and moral discussion, all the while invoking humor and her own

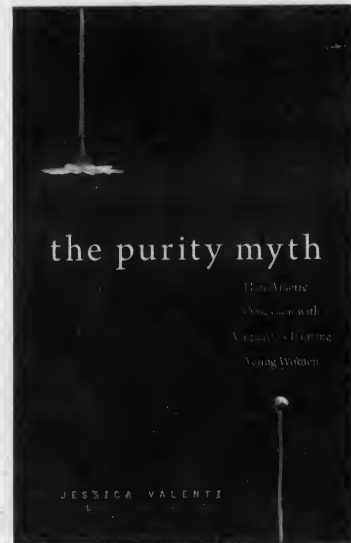
experience.

Making no attempt to appear impartial or neutral, she brings herself into her work and acknowledges her own feminist bias.

At first glance, it appears that Valenti's main argument in "The Purity Myth" is that women should have sex all the time and everywhere; however, she specifically addresses this misconception.

While she spends many pages in the book unabashedly attacking the Christian Right and its attempt to control women's bodies through the propagation of patriarchy, Valenti also acknowledges that women may choose to abstain from sex for their own reasons, any of which are valid and which she respects.

The point is that women have a choice that is without shame and without guilt.



Courtesy of Feministing.com

Valenti proposes that there is more to woman than her sexuality.

She suggests that in order to break the prevalent classification of women as either virgins or whores, society must recognize a woman's ability to make her own decisions as a complex and competent individual.

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Outside the Fence



By ANNE ELDER
Staff Writer

Hormone Study Pieces Puzzle Together

Based on the results of a study conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health, the *Washington Post* reported Tuesday that a nasal spray containing the hormone oxytocin may help treat symptoms of autism and other disorders on the autism spectrum, such as Asperger Syndrome. The spray was tested on 13 adults with either autism or Asperger's, according to the *Post*. When the participants inhaled the hormone, they were better able to recognize faces and play a game that involved tossing a ball. Angela Sirigu, director of the National Center for Scientific Research in France, told the *Post*, "It's possible it can become a cure, if it's given early when the problems are detected in the little kids. We can change the way these patients interact with people from childhood." Oxytocin is a hormone important for social interaction and increases social sensitivity, social awareness, generosity, and trust, according to the *Post*.

Georgian Olympic Team Struck with Tragedy

Getting ready to compete in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, 21-year-old Nodar Kumaritashvili lost control of his sled and crashed into a steel pole as he sped around the \$100 million track in a training exercise last Friday, according to the

Washington Post. The *Post* reported that the Georgian athlete was pronounced dead at a trauma center in Whistler shortly after the accident. According to the *Post*, Kumaritashvili is the fourth winter Olympian to die in training and the first since 1992. The *Georgian Times* reported that his fellow athletes showed their respect for the young luger with black scarves and armbands during the opening Olympic Ceremony Friday night. The *Times* quoted Jacques Rogge, the president of the International Olympic Committee, as saying, "I have no words to say what we feel," in regards to the accident. The opening ceremony of the Olympics was dedicated to Kumaritashvili.

Indiana Senator Announces Retirement

Democrat Senator Evan Bayh announced Monday that he would not seek re-election for a third term in Indiana, according to the *New York Times*. While Bayh had already begun campaign financing and petitioning for the fall elections, his announcement came as a shock to Democratic party leaders and President Obama himself, reported the *Times*. The *Times* wrote that Democratic leader Senator Harry Reid of Nevada learned of Bayh's decision on the news. His decision to step down places a major impediment on the Democratic majority in the Senate, especially after the death of Sen. Edward

Kennedy last month, according to the *Times*. The *Washington Post* reported yesterday that much criticism has been stirred since the announcement, with people wondering if the argument of "brain dead" politics and hyper-partisanship of Congress is accurate or overblown." According to the *Times*, Bayh said, "There is too much partisanship and not enough progress — too much narrow ideology and not enough practical problem-solving. Even at a time of enormous challenge, the people's business is not being done."

Television Speaker Arrested in Murder Investigation

BBC television presenter Ray Gosling was arrested Wednesday morning as a murder suspect, according to the *Guardian*. Monday night on the show "Inside Out", 70-year-old Gosling told his audience that he "killed a former lover who was suffering in the advanced stages of AIDS," wrote the *Guardian*. The British newspaper went on to report that Gosling would not tell Nottinghamshire Police details of the crime, as part of a "pact" he made with the man. According to the *Guardian*, the only information about the crime known by the BBC was the broadcast of "Inside Out."

Major Program Will be The Sixth in Virginia

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worried that the major has come too late for her to finish it in time.

Those involved feel that the major will be beneficial to the UMW community.

"We have hopes that the interdisciplinary nature will get the faculty and students to work together," Poska said. "We also hope to build connections with the Fredericksburg community through internships and nonprofit work."

Some students, however, do not think the women's and gender studies major is necessary.

"I think it puts women down to have a women's major, rather than helping them to rise above." And with this new major, what

else will spawn?" junior Amanda Keller said. "I'm sure there are already majors that deal with race. There will be sexuality majors and a million other identity majors. We should be focusing on our similarities, not our minuscule differences."

Most schools that offer the major, like Yale University, are celebrating the 30th anniversary of their women's studies departments this year. UMW is the sixth university in Virginia to have an official women's and gender studies major. Other Virginia schools include the College of William and Mary, the University of Virginia, and Washington and Lee University.

"[The major] is in line with the 21st century," Smith said.

Women's Studies Major Requirements

Course Number	Class Name
ANTH 312A	Anthropology of Gender
ENGL 243	Women in Literature
HIST 327	U.S. Women's History to 1870
HIST 328	U.S. Women's History since 1870
IDIS 202	Introduction to Women's Studies
IDIS 491	Individual Study
PHIL 350	Feminist Theory and Philosophy
PSYC 349	Psychology of Human Sexuality
PSYC 350	Psychology of Women
SOCG 331	The Family
At least one of the following:	
CLAS 310	Women in Antiquity
SOCG 315A	Gender and Society
SOCG 331	The Family

Most students will double major in another discipline.

Information Courtesy of umw.edu

Tech's Alcohol Rule: Stricter on Students

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"I don't think parents should have anything to do with it," Burnham said. "But some students are irresponsible."

Burnham continued to say that the UMW drug policy should be more like the current alcohol policy.

"When have you ever heard of anyone taken away in an ambulance for smoking too much pot?" he said.

Enforced through various university representatives including resident assistants and campus police, suspected violations are addressed when problems surface. While Tuttle stated that enforcement is consistent in these situations, he would not interpret it as strict.

Over the years, Tuttle noted

that more adjustments have been made to sanctions as opposed to the actual policy itself.

"UMW does not consider parental notification to be a sanction," Tuttle said. "It is an opportunity to have a conversation with parents about their student's alcohol use, give the fact that there is a negative correlation between alcohol use and academic success."

"If Virginia's alcohol laws were to change...or if we became aware of unintended negative consequences associated with our policies, we definitely would review them," Tuttle said when asked about possible changes to the policy in the near future.

—Anne Elder contributed to this report



Aaron Richardson/Bulletin

UMW's alcohol policy does not inform parents of a student's violation of the first time.

Snow Caused Roof of Annex B to Fall Last Week

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to work on my labs after hours," senior geography major Eric Hetzer said.

Annex B will be closed "likely the rest of the semester," Wiltenmuth said.

Junior Emily Morton, who is declaring geography as a second major, said her lab is now in the trailer behind Westmoreland Hall.

"There's no running water and no internet hook-ups," Morton said. "It's been an adjustment."

Professors also have had to move out of their offices, making it difficult for students to meet with them.

"Just meeting up with the head of the department to declare [the major] has been hard because he doesn't have an office," Morton said.

This is the second time the geography department has had to relocate in less than a year.

When Monroe Hall closed for renovations last fall, the geography department moved to the temporary trailer behind Custis Hall.

The repairs of the building also involved the closing of parking spots near Annex B on the campus side of College Avenue from 5 p.m. on Feb. 16 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 17 so that moving vehicles could empty the building.

"College Ave. will not be closed at anytime; we're simply closing parking spaces off to expedite the move," Susan Knick, assistant vice president for Public Safety and Community Support Services, said.

No cost has yet been announced for the work being done on Annex B.

"We don't know today," Wiltenmuth said. "We'll be bidding the work after the repair design is completed in a few weeks."

—Brynn Boyer contributed to this report

Freshman Seminars Added Because of Feedback

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ple addressed in her State of the University speech on Nov. 17, 2008, when she outlined her vision for the university, and reviewed her strategic plan for Mary Washington.

"As we know from NSSE, the Princeton Review, and other sources, the perception of too many of our students is that we have an unresponsive bureaucracy and administration, too many rules, paperwork, and roadblocks," she said during the address. "This perception is a comment on the students' broader experience of our institutional culture — a culture we need to change. We need to rededicate ourselves to establishing what has been and should be the foundation of the UMW experience, a student centered culture across all areas of the university."

Students have expressed similar concern with student and administration communication, and with the recent expansion of a third campus.

Junior Hunter Smith said the university "seems kind of distant from the student population and doesn't seem to have an open course for dialogue about the changes the school is making."

Another topic the survey may address is confusion about degree requirements. Sophomore Lea McLaughlin said she felt that the course catalogue is very unclear, and that it would be helpful if the school created a single listing that showed classes that would fill specific requirements.

Feedback from students from the survey also has been considered in attempting to solve the school's administrative issues.

The UMW Strategic Plan for 2009 to 2014 lists a plan for instituting and continuing a campus-

wide customer service initiative.

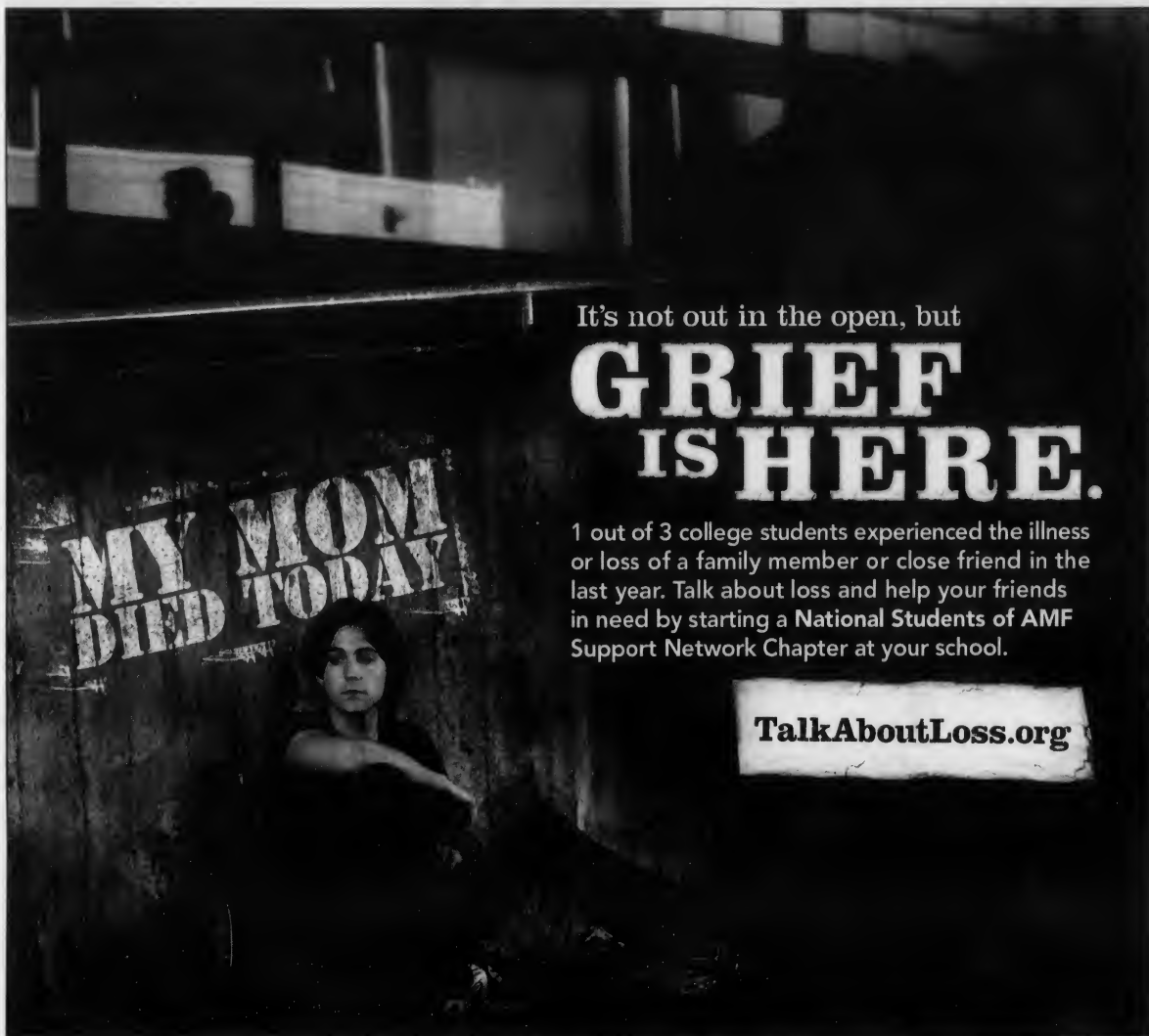
This spring will be the fifth time that the university has participated in the survey since 2003, Wilder said.

Although the university has already made improvements in each of the five areas, according to Wilder, the university remains committed to using student feedback to make even more changes.

"Right now, I am most hopeful that a large number of students will complete the survey," Wilder said. "Since it goes out to our students via e-mail, I hope students will open it and will fill out the survey. It is critically important that we get a high response rate. This is a great opportunity for students to tell us how they feel about the UMW experience—what we're doing well and what we can improve."

“This is a great opportunity for students to tell us how they feel about the UMW experience.”

—Martin Wilder



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Sports

Basketball Sweeps Double Header

Women Stay Perfect in CAC Play: Wood Captures 200th Win

By ZACH MORETTI
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington men's and women's basketball teams came away with victories on the road last Saturday against York College.

The women's team, who rank 24th nationally among Division III teams, improved their spotless conference record to 13-0 with the 63-51 win.

UMW trailed 3-2 with 18:35 remaining in the first half but never looked backed after that, as the home Spartans never led the remainder of the game. Sophomore guard Jenna McRae broke out of her recent slump to lead the Eagles offensive charge with 17 points, 15 of which were scored in the second half.

But the story of the opening half was all about defense, as Mary Washington limited York to just 5-27 shooting (18.5%) in the first half of play. UMW kept up their stifling play on the defense end of the court for the rest of the game, as they held the Spartans to just 31.4 percent shooting

bounds, both of which were game highs.

Though the women's team is undefeated in CAC play, they still are only one game up on Marymount University (12-1) in the conference standings. Those same Saints hosted the UMW women's team last night in a battle for conference supremacy, but the game finished too late to be included in this edition.

On the men's side, the team captured a riveting overtime victory on the road against York College, 74-71. The win kept the men's chances at a CAC tournament birth alive, as it improved their conference record to 5-7.

The Eagles started fast, as they began the game on a 6-0 run to help set the tone. UMW controlled the game in the early going and extended their lead to 13 points with just over eight minutes remaining in the first half, with a score of 29-16.

However then UMW couldn't find the basket, as they went nearly six minutes without scoring a point. York took advantage of the visitor's struggles as they went on a 12-0 run to cut the UMW lead to just a single point and eventually trailed just 34-31 at halftime.

Much like the first half, the Eagles got off to a hot start to begin play in the second half. UMW went on 7-0 to push the lead back to 10 and they held a double digit margin for most of the half. But then Mary Washington went into another late lull, this time going scoreless for more than two-and-a-half minutes of action, and the Spartans took advantage to once again get back in the game.

York guard Nick Brady hit two late free throws to send the game to overtime, and UMW trailed by one with under two minutes left in the game. However, freshman guard Rocky Ullah scored with 19 seconds left to give the Eagles the lead and senior All-American center Brandon Altmann knocked down two free throws to seal the

win.

The blemish of the game for UMW was their carelessness with the ball, as they had 18 turnovers in the game.

"Turnovers are something that worries me everyday," Head Coach Rod Wood said. "We stress [limiting turnovers] in practice, but it hasn't translated. It's like telling a girl to be pretty when she's ugly. There's nothing she can do about it."



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Sophomore guard Jenna McRae broke out of her recent slump to lead the Eagles in scoring with 17 points in the victory over York College. The win improved UMW's conference record to 13-0 and kept them in the driver's seat in the CAC.

Thanks to senior All-American center the Eagles were able to overcome the turnovers as Altmann had another great night, scoring 16 points while pulling down 16 rebounds.

Meanwhile senior guard Jonathan Blaine and sophomore guard Tad Dickman helped give aid to Altmann as both had great nights of their own. Blaine scored a career-high 15 points and added 6 rebounds while Dickman led all scorers with 18 points and also pulled down 7 boards in the victory.

"My goal was just to come off the bench and bring some energy," Dickman said. "[I wanted to] keep the level of play as high as the starters had set it at."

Coach Wood implemented a four guard lineup for Saturday's bout against York and switched the team's primary defense from a match-up zone to a man-to-man defense. Both changes were critical in the upset as Blaine thrived in his extra minutes and the new-look defense appeared to bother York's star guard Nick Brady, as he went just 3-14 from the field in the game.

The victory helped keep the team's slim post-season hopes alive and it also gave Wood his 200th career victory.

"It's nice to have [200 wins]," Wood said. "But when you coach for fourteen years you should reach a number like that."

But while Wood downplayed the achievement, Dickman said it meant a lot to the players to get that for their coach.

"We were determined to win it for him at York," Dickman said. "To go on the road, against a team that had a 13-game home winning streak and beat them on their senior day was the perfect way to do it. We gave him a standing ovation in the locker room after the game."

The Eagles won another road conference game against Gallaudet University this past Monday to move to 6-7 in CAC play and once again keep hope alive for a conference tournament bid. Another big conference game occurred last night against Marymount University, but the game did not conclude in time for results to be included in this issue.

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—Men's Basketball Head Coach Rod Wood

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from the field and forced 22 turnovers.

The Eagles led by 9 points at intermission and York kept the game competitive for the first part of the second half. Then UMW pulled away for good and Head Coach Deanna Applebury watched her team's lead balloon to as many 19 points.

York junior guard April Sparkman did all she could to hand the Eagles their first conference loss of the year as she posted 18 points and 11 re-

UMW Scoreboard

Men's Basketball: L 56-57 vs. Hood College, W 74-71 @ York College, W 74-62 @ Gallaudet University

Women's Basketball: W 71-41 vs. Hood College, W 63-51 @ York College

Men's Tennis: L 1-6 vs. East Carolina University, L 1-6 vs. James Madison University

Women's Tennis: W 4-3 vs. Towson University

Men's Lacrosse: L 5-6 @ Virginia Wesleyan College

Baseball, Softball, Women's Lacrosse: All PPD due to snow

Athletes of the Week

The men's honor this week goes to lacrosse junior midfielder Kohl Meyer, who scored one goal and one assist in a losing effort to Virginia Wesleyan University.

The women's award this week is shared by two tennis players; junior Courtney Goimarac and sophomore Katie Schafer, who both played phenomenally in the team's victory over D-1 Towson University.



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Sports

Swim Teams Take CAC Crowns



Courtesy of Bradley Huppenthal

Both the men's and women's swim teams dominated the Capital Athletic Conference all season long. They both finished the season as conference champs.

By ERIN COX
Staff Writer

This past weekend, both the men's and women's swim teams crushed the competition and solidified their spots as Capital Athletic Conference champions.

The women won their 20th consecutive championship in the 20-year history of the conference, wearing t-shirts displaying an "XX 'We're Dirty'" on the back. They earned 926.5 points; beating second place St. Mary's College by 298 points.

The men won their 16th conference championship, out swimming York College by 320 points, and making it their 10th consecutive win since the beginning of the conference back in 1990.

In addition to two team trophies, Coach Matt Sellman won both the Men's and Women's Coach of the Year award and is the first coach to win both

awards in the same season by a peer vote.

Since the conference has been established, the women have won 163 dual meets against CAC competitors, not including their 20 CAC championships. The men have won 140 dual meets, not including their 16 CAC championships.

The roughly three feet of snow that blanketed UMW's campus had an almost positive effect on the team leading up to their conference meet.

"The school cancellations gave flexibility," Coach Sellman said. "[It allowed the swimmers to] sleep in, [and] helped the taper take effect quicker."

Even though the morning preliminary swims for Friday were cancelled and the team had their first swims at the timed final that night, it seems to have had no impact on the outcome.

Juniors Sarah Crockett and Stephen Clendenin both won the Swimmer of the Year award. Both

had previously won the CAC Rookie of the Year award in 2008, and it was Clendenin's second time as Swimmer of the Year.

This year's Rookie of the Year award went to freshman Nick Eckoff, who is the eighth swimmer from UMW to win the award.

Crockett won a NCAA "A" cut time for her 1650 freestyle with a time of 17:38.99. According to Coach Sellman, an "A" cut is an automatic invitation to Nationals, which only five or six swimmers get per event annually. All other swimmers who received "provisional cuts" received "B" times, meaning they have an invitation but won't know if it is solidified until after all of the conference meets are completed, which can take up to two weeks.

Coach Sellman hopes to bring two men, Clendenin and Eckoff, as well as up to nine women including Crockett, junior Adriana Lesiuk, sophomore Megan DeSmit, freshman

Cameron Figures, and junior Nina Sawyer to Nationals in Minnesota in March.

According to Sellman, Eckoff's meet was "one of the most impressive" he has seen, with three NCAA qualifying times in addition to breaking six freshman records. Lesiuk was a "major catalyst" to the team's success, Sellman said.

Until the results are available, all potential National swimmers continue to train, waiting in anticipation, while the rest of the team continue to be "studious student athletes," Coach Sellman said.

"It has been a long-time goal of ours to get some relays to Nationals," Lesiuk said, who has a provisional time for the 100 freestyle. Clendenin, he is "pretty confident that my qualifying times are good enough," and is hoping that teammate Eckoff, as well as the men's 800 freestyle relays, get invited as well.



Courtesy of Bradley Huppenthal

UMW swimming continued their reign over the CAC. The men's conference championship was their 16th while the women's team racked up their 20th title in the conference's 20-year history.

Women's Tennis Tops D-I Towson

By ZACH MORETTI
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington women's tennis team is ranked 14th in the nation among Division III teams, and this past Sunday they knocked off a Division I opponent as they defeated Towson University 4-3.

"The team played a terrific match on Sunday,"

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I was most impressed with the way [Goimmarac and Schafer] showed command through the entire match.

—Women's Tennis Head Coach Dan Catullo

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Courtesy of Clint Offen

Junior Courtney Goimmarac was superb in UMW's upset of Division I opponent Towson and proved she's ready to be the team's No. 1 player.

said women's tennis Head Coach Patrick Catullo. "It was our first match of the season, so we were a little tight and there are things we can do better, but I think we are off to a good start."

The Eagles top two players, junior Court-

ney Goimmarac and sophomore Katie Schafer, took care of business as the two ladies won three matches en route to the win for UMW.

Goimmarac knocked off Towson's No. 1 player, sophomore Aandria Carr, 7-5, 6-1. Schafer was even more impressive in her victory against Tow-

son senior Cassandra Ng, as the talented UMW sophomore didn't even drop a game as she breezed past Ng 6-0, 6-0.

Goimmarac and Schafer also teamed up in the doubles competition to knock off the Tigers top doubles combination of Carr and junior Katie Young, 8-6. Catullo recognized the outstanding play of his top two players and expressed his confidence in them going forward.

"Courtney Goimmarac and Katie Schafer did a terrific job on Sunday," Catullo said. "I was most impressed with the way they both showed command of the court through the entire match. That sometimes does not happen so early in the season."

The Lady Eagles host two more matches this weekend at the UMW tennis center. The first match is against another Division I opponent in George Mason University and the second match is against conference rival, York College, which is the first CAC opponent Mary Washington will face this season.

Catullo has led the women's tennis team to five straight CAC titles, and his team has not dropped a conference match in that span. But despite all the success that his team's have had under his tutelage, Catullo remains humble.

"Like in years past, I am very fortunate to have a talented, hard working team," Catullo said. "If we continue to stay focused on the tasks at hand, we will have another successful season."

Upcoming UMW Sporting Events

Thursday, Feb. 18

Men's Tennis vs. University of Richmond (Home) at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Women's Tennis vs. George Mason University (Home) at 10 a.m.

Women's Tennis vs. York College (Home) at 4 p.m.

Baseball vs. Messiah College (Home) at 12 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse vs. Hampton-Sydney College (Home) at 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Salisbury University (Home) at 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Salisbury University (Home) at 3 p.m.

Track and Field competes in the Mason Dixon Championships

Sunday, Feb. 21

Men's Tennis vs. Stevenson University (Home) at 12 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. York College (Home) at 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. George Mason Uni-

versity (Home) at 5 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. St. Mary's College (Home) at 5 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. St. Mary's College (Home) at 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 22

Men's Basketball at Gallaudet University at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Baseball at Washington and Lee at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Baseball at Gallaudet University at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25

Softball vs. Messiah College (Home) at 2:30 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Gettysburg College (Home) at 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. TBD in CAC Tournament Semifinals (Home) at 7 p.m.